

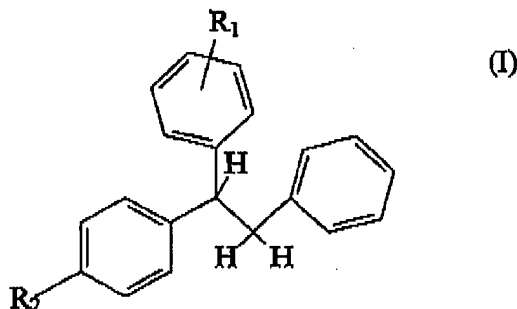
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### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified application:

27. **(Previously Presented)** A method for treating extra-reproductive tract tissues that are responsive to treatment with estrogen comprising administering to a patient an effective amount of a nonuterotrophic compound having the structure



wherein R<sub>1</sub> is -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>R<sub>3</sub> or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>3</sub>; R<sub>3</sub> is an anionic substituent; m is 1, 2, 3 or 4; n is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and R<sub>2</sub> is para-OH.

28. **(Original)** The method of claim 27 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is -O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>R<sub>3</sub>.

29. **(Original)** The method of claim 27 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>R<sub>3</sub>.

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30. **(Original)** The method of claim 27 wherein the compound is 4-[1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-phenylethyl]phenoxyacetic acid such that  $R_1$  is para- $OCH_2R_3$ ; and  $R_3$  is  $-COO^-$ .
31. **(Original)** The method of claim 27 wherein the anionic substituent comprises a functional group selected from the group consisting of a carboxylate group, a tetrazolate group and a bisphosphonate group.
32. **(Original)** The method of claim 27 wherein the patient is a female.
33. **(Original)** The method of claim 32 wherein the patient is a perimenopausal or postmenopausal female.
34. **(Original)** The method of claim 27 wherein the compound is administered in an estrogen replacement therapy.
35. **(Original)** The method of claim 27 wherein the compound is administered to treat osteopenia.
36. **(Cancelled)**
37. **(Cancelled)**
38. **(Currently Amended)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound having the structure

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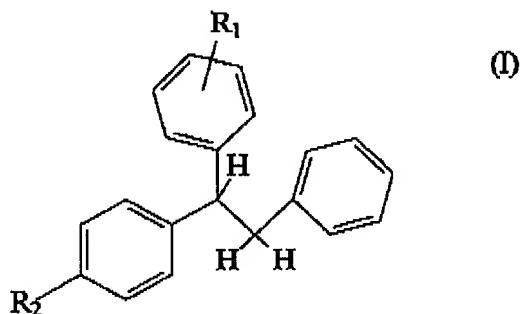
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39. (Cancelled)